Pioneer Days will feature heritage talks

By THE *WEEKEND MIRROR* STAFF

The 1982 Pioneer Days celebration will feature a series of five talks/presentations sponsored by the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall.

The talks will be presented in the council chambers on the second floor of Carbondale City Hall.

Plans for the talks were unveiled at a recent meeting of the restoration committee.

Proposed topics and speakers include:

Monday, "Pioneer Carbondale," by the Carbondale Historical Society. (The first settlers, early maps, early buildings, the discovery of anthracite, the early years of Carbondale)

Tuesday, "The Scranton Division of the Ontario and Western Railroad," by Robert J. Tomaine.

Wednesday, "Carbondale's City Halls and Mayors," by S. Robert Powell.

Thursday, "The Gravity Railroad," by John V. Buberniak.

Friday, "Carbondale and the Lackawanna Valley," by the Rev. William P. Lewis, executive director, Lackawanna Historical Society.

In making announcement of the plans, it was noted:

"To keep alive, and that in a vigorous way, the appropriate respect, admiration and gratitude that we, as citizens of Carbondale, owe to the pioneers who established our city — and to their descendants who, in the first fifty years following the incorporation of the City of Carbondale, transformed Carbondale from a small village into one of the leading cities of northeastern Pennsylvania — should be the personal work of every citizen of Carbondale.

"To the founding fathers and to their descendants we are greatly indebted for the precious gifts we enjoy today: our civil liberties, our rights of citizenship, the physical and psychological amenities of life as it can be lived here in northeastern Pennsylvania.

"To show our respect, admiration and gratitude to the founding fathers and to their descendants, therefore, the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall will actively celebrate Carbondale's heritage during Carbondale's Pioneer Days 1982. We will do so by sponsoring a series of educational and historical activities to take place in Carbondale and in Carbondale City Hall during Pioneer Days 1982. These activities will be a celebration not only of Carbondale and Carbondale City Hall but also of the economic, political, social and ethical orders that made possible the city of Carbondale. These educational and historical activities will include, but will not be limited to, a series of talks/presentations on the history of Carbondale, to be entitled *Celebrating Carbondale's Heritage*."

The following members of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall are presently working on the committee's plans for Pioneer Days 1982: David Baum, Teresa Bomba, John Buberniak, Jean Colville, Mary Lou Dearie, Rob Lewis, Mary Monahan, Robert Powell, the Rev. and Mrs. Claude Pullis, John Revak.